



# Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association

## MISGA Board Meeting Minutes Kenwood Country Club 9/19/2000

President **Duke Rowdon** called the meeting to order at 1:50 P.M. and thanked **Bob McMinn** for the excellent meeting arrangements at *Kenwood*. He requested concise Division and Committee reports, acknowledging an extensive agenda.

In attendance were **John Babyak, Jim Bell, Harry Breitbach, Paul Desmond, Don Ewalt, Charlie Fieldhouse, Sam Hall, Sam Hastings, Dick Hunt, Jim Lee, Bob McCready, Bob McMinn, C.J. Myers, Jack Nichols, Bob Nicholson, Sam Nisbet, Nick Parker, Duke Rowdon, Arnold Simms, Tom Tarpley, Ken Wallgren, and Dick Walsh.**

### *Secretary's Report*

**Sam Hall's** motion to dispense with reading minutes of the previous Board meeting was approved unanimously.

### *Treasurer's Report*

**Harry Breitbach** reported that through 9/15, income has exceeded projections because of new clubs, and thus more associates dues. The Spring Fling was profitable, and year-end projections are in line with budgeted numbers. On **Tom Tarpley's** motion the report was approved unanimously.

### *Vice President's Comments*

**Charlie Fieldhouse** presented the following points:

The *Summary Annual Report* by which Directors report participation figures to the President should be exhibited in the handbook. The Board agreed.

The *History of Board Actions* document should reflect the latest status of the "widows invited to winter flings" issue, namely that it should be upon sponsorship of an attendee who has not otherwise invited a guest. The Board agreed.

### *Division Reports*

*Div I* - The Board concurred with **Arnold Simms'** request that two paragraphs on page 19 of the Guidelines section of the Handbook be corrected as follows:

**Member Club Dues** The Club Rep is responsible for remitting the annual dues of his club by April 1 of each year directly to the MISGA Treasurer.

**Associate Dues, Change Form #5-89 and Roster** The Club Rep shall collect per capita dues at the beginning of the golf season. He will then verify the list of paid up Associates against his latest copy of the roster. The collected dues and change form #5-89 reflecting updates to the membership shall be sent by the Club Rep to his Division Associates Chairman no later than June 1. The Division Associates Chairman shall forward the forms and funds to the MISGA Associates Chairman who will forward the funds to the Treasurer.

These corrections will be made as part of the update process, typically with revision distribution at the Annual Meeting.

*Div 2 - Tom Tarpley* Reported that the Board Bash in 2001 will be at Carroll Valley September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. He asked Directors to encourage Rep attendance at the Bash.

*Div 3 - Sam Hall* noted that the *A-B-C-D Tournament* at Chartwell went smoothly, including Past Presidents. The Division 3 *Pro-Am* will be 10/4 at the University of Maryland. Division 3 will elect a new Assistant Director 10/24. Noting that many participants were leaving events before evening awards were announced, **Duke Rowdon** suggested that awards be distributed before dinner at such events.

*Div 4 - Bob McMinn* reported that Division 4 will elect a new Assistant Director 10/3 at Kenwood.

*Div 5 - Jack Nichols* reported that the "*space available*" program, by which MISGA members can participate in mixers of other clubs, has not been widely used. He indicated that **Don Ewalt** will be the new assistant Director for Division 5.

### ***Committee Reports***

*Associates - John Babyak* reported that the Division Associates Chairmen have done the best job of accurate and timely reporting he has yet experienced. He distributed graphs which show that membership by Division has remained relatively constant the last few years, with a slight decline. With some new clubs entering, the 2001 figures will be of interest.

*Audit - Sam Nisbet* indicated that no *Audit Report* is due at this time. The next audit will be prepared at year end when the Treasurer responsibility moves from **Harry Breitbach** to **Tom Tarpley**.

*Events - Sam Hastings* said that the Fall Frolics (*Seabrook & Jekyll*) plans are on schedule with Seabrook full and Jekyll having 106 golfers registered. **Paul Desmond** is organizing a *Florida Fling*, tentatively planned for the *Admiral Lehigh* facility in East Fort Myers the week of 2/4/01.

*General Counsel - Bob Ludwig* indicated his affiliation is to remain with University of Maryland.

*Historian - Ralph Starkey* was absent. It was noted that **Bill Brown** (Piney Branch) will be Historian in 2001.

*MISGAgram* - **Nick Parker** reported that *MISGAgram* costs for the year will be well below budget. Printing costs have been minimized. **Dick Hunt** said the item submission cut-off for the next edition will be November 1<sup>st</sup> for a mid-November publication.

*Policy and Planning* - **C.J. Myers** presented the first report of his committee, including four recommendations:

*2000-01 Establish firm date for the Annual Reps Meeting.*

The Board agreed (unanimous approval of **Bob McMinn's** motion) that *Section IV, Paragraph A of the Bylaws* should establish the second Monday of April (with the first Monday as alternate) each year as the date for the *Annual Reps Meeting*. This update will be included in the next revision of the handbook.

*2000-02 Establish Guidelines for conducting the Spring Fling.*

The committee presented a comprehensive document "*Guidelines for the Organization and Conduct of the Spring Fling*". President **Duke Rowdon**, based on "sense of the Board" directed, with concurrence of Events Chairman **Sam Hastings**, that this be made a permanent document of the Events Committee.

*2000-03 Establish April 1<sup>st</sup> as date for determining tournament quotas.*

The committee recommended moving the quota determining date from December to April in order to include in the calculation first year MISGA clubs. **Charlie Fieldhouse's** motion to leave the process as it is now was passed 5 to 4.

*2000-04 Establish (new) Rules and Handicap Committee.*

The committee recommended establishing a new standing committee to enhance education and oversight in the management of handicaps and observance of the rules of golf. **Duke Rowdon** assigned **Sam Hall** to create an *ad hoc Rules and Handicap Committee* in order to evaluate the concept.

**Duke Rowdon** congratulated **C.J. Myers** and his committee for their excellent efforts.

*Tournaments* - **Jim Lee** indicated that in 2001 the *A-B-C-D Tournament* will be at Green Hills Monday August 20<sup>th</sup> and the *2-Man Tournament* will be at Piney Branch Monday August 27<sup>th</sup>.

*Membership & Participation* - **Paul Desmond's** committee will meet in October. Its members are the Assistant Directors of the five divisions. Number of events, rising costs, boring formats, rampant cheating, and driving distance are all possible factors in low participation at some events.

### *Old Business*

*Third Fall Frolic*

**Sam Hastings** announced that the 2001 Fall Frolics will be at *Sea Trail, Seabrook*, and at a trial venue in *Virginia Beach*.

*Web Page*

Secretary **Dick Walsh** described the new *MISGA Web Page*, which is reached at <http://pages.prodigynet/dickwalsh>. It contains the Leadership Roster, driving directions to all MISGA clubs, Board minutes, and access to individual club web sites.

## *New Business*

### *Tee Restrictions*

**Duke Rowdon** asked the Directors to actively discourage the practice of some clubs of limiting MISGA shotgun starts to 9 holes, even at the cost of more than two foursomes per hole.

### *Handicap Management*

Directors are to ensure that all Reps are aware of the *ad hoc Handicap & Rules Committee* that will be evaluating their efforts in these areas.

### *Breakfast Mixers*

**Duke Rowdon** asked for input on experiences with breakfast rather than lunch as the mixer meal. **Dick Walsh** reported having tried the concept without much success. The greatest stumbling block appears to be at the end of play, when there may not be an activity to hold attention as foursomes finish play over a period of time. Additional input is still needed.

### *Nominating Committee*

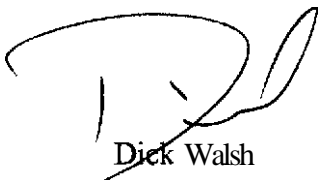
**Duke Rowdon** asked **C.J. Myers, Sam Hastings, and Paul Desmond** to serve as *Nominating Committee* in preparation for election of a new Vice President at the December meeting.

### *Division Qualifiers*

**Sam Hall** suggested eliminating Division Qualifiers for the *A-B-C-D* and *2-Man* events in favor of selecting representatives directly from all clubs. **Duke Rowdon** assigned the idea to the *Policy and Plans Committee* for consideration.

This meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM. The next Board meeting will be held December 13<sup>th</sup> at Prospect Bay.

Respectfully submitted,



Dick Walsh  
Secretary